



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 31 August 2007

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## **Energy Sector**

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** **ELEVATED**,  
**Cyber:** **ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. **August 30, AP – High temperatures put strain on California energy reserves.** A heat wave has created an above-average demand for electricity in California and has threatened the state's electricity resources. California's electricity grid manager has declared a Stage 1 emergency, which is the first step towards prompting rolling blackouts. If the high-energy trend continues, the state will set a new record for electricity demand. Supplies are especially low, because several states throughout the region are dealing with high-demand due to the prevailing temperatures.  
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20511002/>

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## **Chemical Industry**

2. *August 30, Reuters* – **U.N. officials find chemicals from Iraq in New York office.** Dangerous chemicals that were removed from Iraq in the 1990s were found in a U.N. office in New York. The FBI was called into remove the toxic material phosgene, which is a chemical warfare agent. U.N. officials said there was no danger to the public.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/ts\\_nm/un\\_chemicals\\_dc;\\_ylt=AtQOqWXkpVq0bmSI9SS6\\_mCs0NUE](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/ts_nm/un_chemicals_dc;_ylt=AtQOqWXkpVq0bmSI9SS6_mCs0NUE)
3. *August 30, AP* – **Indiana popcorn producer replaces potentially harmful chemical.** An Indiana based popcorn company recently stopped adding the chemical diacetyl to their microwave popcorn over concerns that the chemical is related to negative health reports. Although the company president claims his plant workers have not reported any ill effects, diacetyl is speculated to contribute to a lung disease known as bronchiolitis obliterans.  
Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/30/us/30brfs-chemical.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/30/us/30brfs-chemical.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)
4. *August 29, wpxi.com* – **27 people sent to the hospital after chemical spill.** A chemical spill at a Pennsylvania electronics store sent 27 people to the hospital for inhalation sickness. The condition of each victim is not yet known. Firefighters and hazardous material crews responded to the spill which was near a local high school. Fortunately, classes do not resume for the fall semester until next week.  
Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/14004828/detail.html?rss=burg&psp=news>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste**

5. *August 30, Tennessean.com* – **Lawmakers support disclosure for nuclear fuel processing plants.** Two members of Congress said they support openness at a nuclear fuel processing plant where a national secrecy policy prevented the public from learning about a potentially lethal uranium spill in 2006. The lawmakers seek to find a balance between preserving national security information and informing the public. The spill of just over 9 gallons of highly enriched uranium solution on March 6, 2006, was not originally disclosed to the public. An annual report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission cited the incident among three significant events in its annual report to Congress in April.  
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070830/NEWS08/70830005>
6. *August 30, Reuters* – **Inspection finds nuclear weapons parts misplaced.** Some facilities that handle the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile misplaced classified bomb components under their care, according to an Energy Department audit. The department's Inspector General also found there was confusion at the facilities over who was responsible for keeping track of weapons parts and recommended changes in how to better safeguard the parts. A spokesman for the department's National Nuclear Security Administration that oversees the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal said his agency disagreed with the recommendations. He said the parts, which he declined to identify, were later found. A summary of the audit found that two of the three sites reviewed did not track "many" classified weapons parts in their custody. Since the

September 11 attacks on New York and Washington, the United States has worried that terrorists may try to buy or steal weapons in other countries to use against it, but the Inspector General's findings raise the possibility of domestic weapons parts getting into the wrong hands.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/ts\\_nm/usa\\_weapons\\_missing\\_dc\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/ts_nm/usa_weapons_missing_dc_1)

7. *August 29, The Canadian Press* – **Bruce Power nuclear station refurbishment budget increased by another \$1 billion.** The companies that operate the Bruce Power nuclear station will spend another \$1 billion to improve and sustain one of the plant's key units for another 20 years. The Bruce Power partners said they have received approval to expand their current \$4.25-billion plan to refurbish two of the plant's generating units by 2010. The project aims to increase energy output in order to provide additional power to the Ontario market, which has been struggling to produce sufficient energy capacity.

Source: [http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/capress/070829/business/transcanada\\_bruce\\_power\\_2](http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/capress/070829/business/transcanada_bruce_power_2)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *August 30, Desert Morning News* – **US busts brazen ID theft ring in Utah.** Eight Salt Lake City residents were indicted on charges of identity theft Thursday morning. According to the 33-count indictment, the defendants “used computer check-making software to create what appeared to be payroll checks. Company logos were scanned directly out of the phone book to create the checks, and in some instances, the signatures of state prosecutors and other officials were scanned off of court documents and used as signatures on the bogus checks. Investigators estimate that the group cashed about \$50,000 worth of forged checks.

Source: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695205727,00.html>

9. *August 30, Courier Journal* – **Credit freeze law begins Saturday.** Starting September first, Indiana residents will have the option of putting a freeze on their credit reports, thus preventing identity thieves from opening new lines of credit with stolen information. Until Jan. 1, 2009, consumers will have to request the institution or removal a credit freeze in writing. Agencies will then have 5 days to institute a freeze and three days to lift one. After that date the law requires credit bureaus to have a system in place that will allow customers to make changes over the phone or internet in 15 minutes time. On August 29, an AARP lobbyist said 3,900 Indiana residents reported cases of identify theft last year to the Federal Trade Commission, adding that the problem is much greater because many people don't report cases to the FTC.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070830/NEWS02/708300396>

10. *August 30, Ann Arbor News* – **Lawsuit accuses troubled credit union of fraud.** The Huron

River Area Credit Union (HRACU) in Michigan has been named in a lawsuit alleging real estate fraud involving millions of dollars of loans for construction of investment homes in a formerly booming part of southwest Florida. The lawsuit alleges the homes were built under a fraudulent scheme involving Millionaire University, which runs real estate investment courses in Florida. According to the suit, the people who ran Millionaire University encouraged students to invest through them in speculative Florida real estate. The lawsuit says the defendants promised to find prime property in Lee County, build a home on it and sell the home at a substantial profit before the plaintiffs would have to pay off their original construction loan. As of June 30, HRACU's total loan portfolio was \$314. Norlarco, a Colorado credit union also named in the suit had \$271.3 million worth of loans on its books. Source: [http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2007/08/lawsuit\\_accuses\\_troubled\\_credi.html](http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2007/08/lawsuit_accuses_troubled_credi.html)

11. **August 29, Digital Transactions – NYCE, Fair Isaac Focus on terminal-based PIN debit fraud control.** NYCE Payments Network LLC, a unit of Milwaukee-based processor Metavante Corp., has recently expressed concerns over fraud on PIN-debit transactions. One of the reports listing this type of fraud made public recently is the breach at TJMaxx. With the PIN debit transactions increasing at rates of approximately 20 percent, NYCE has acquired the Fair Isaac's CardAlert Fraud Manager, a program, which "focuses specifically on card activity at the terminal, where it gathers data about dollar amounts per transaction, transaction activity at various times, and other information relating to the network's 280,000 ATMs and 1.5 million POS locations where cardholders use PIN-debit cards." Based on the data collected, the system will create risk assessment ranking scores from 1 to 999; the higher the score, the higher the likelihood of fraud. "The new system will help fraud-prevention managers identify potentially fraudulent transactions in real time. By adding a new level of information that can be monitored by the network, clients can leverage in their own decision-making process," said NYCE's president. Source: <http://www.digitaltransactions.net/newsstory.cfm?newsid=1493>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

12. **August 30, Travel Daily News – JFK new American Airlines terminal.** On Monday, New York City's mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg, announced the implementation of a new program aimed at making visitors more welcome. The statement was released at the inauguration of a new terminal added to JFK International Airport when the mayor and the Chairman and CEO of American Airlines (AA) presented a common front supporting the 'Just Ask The Locals' campaign. AA's CEO promoted the new 1.58 million square foot terminal as "the New York City's visitors' first great impression." The new airport addition includes "84 ticketing positions, 44 self-service check-in machines with both domestic and international check-in capabilities, security checkpoints capable of handling 1,800 travelers per hour, a new U.S. Customs and Immigration facility that can handle 1,600 travelers per hour, as well as a state-of-the-art, in-line security baggage system to expedite passenger processing times." In commenting on the participatory avenues to this campaign, AA's officials stated that they had donated \$4.5 million in advertising space to the campaign through the end of the year. The terminal also features two new Admirals Club lounges and a new Flagship Lounge for international first class passengers, which combined carry a price tag of \$12 million.

Source: [http://www.traveldailynews.com/new.asp?newid=39279&subcategory\\_id=53](http://www.traveldailynews.com/new.asp?newid=39279&subcategory_id=53)

13. *August 30, AP* – **Missouri bridge repair plan could be model for other states.** Intended to provide an improved model for bridge repair, Missouri state officials announced their goal to speed up the duration of bridge constructions by waiving the conventional contractor requirements. The new approach was propelled by the collapse of the Mississippi Bridge, which determined lawmakers to include the bridge repair legislation in a special session. In order to make a difference, the officials decided to pay the winning contractor after the work has been completed and was considered in ‘satisfactory condition for the next 25 years.’ The peculiarity of the new plan consists in the shortened time frame established for the repair or the replacement of all the 802 bridges in five years- this type of project would typically last 20 years or more. To be able to comply with the new time restrain, the contractor has to “secure its own private financing. The state would then use at least one-third of its annual federal bridge dollars to pay the contractor.” A rough estimation of the new bridge repair project is set between \$400 and \$600 million. Missouri is among the states with the greatest number of bridges labeled ‘in poor condition’- almost 20% were designated as structurally deficient, according to a 2006 Federal Highway Administration report. The legislators’ spokeswoman stated that the special session held to discuss the new plan was prompted by the urgency created by the Minnesota collapse.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,295115,00.html>

14. *August 30, Richmond Times* – **Two spans found to have corrosion.** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced that two of the 11 Virginia bridges with similar designs to Minnesota’s bridge, need repairs due to corrosion. Inspectors stated that, although the bridges should undergo repairs, the deficiencies found on the two spans are commensurate with their age. VDOT made known its intentions to replace the Overall Run Bridge in the near future, and announced it will take bids in October for replacing the Jeremy’s Run bridge. Both bridges are located on U.S. 340, in Page County. Inspectors expect to finish checking all 11 bridges by October 1.

Source: <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-08-30-0293.html>

15. *August 30, Transport Topics Online* – **Massachusetts considering tolls, rush-hour fees.** State officials announced the possible implementation of tolls on Interstate 93 and other state highways during peak travel times. The news publicized by the Boston Herald also cited other alternatives to the transportation funding shortfall such as a short-term hike in the state’s gasoline tax, and various ways of charging drivers depending on the time of the day and the distance they travel. According papers sources, recommendations are still being taken into consideration and the legislative commission is currently trying to find the most effective way to reduce the deficit in state funding.

Source: <http://www.ttnews.com/articles/basetemplate.aspx?storyid=18247>

16. *August 30, Land Line Magazine* – **Maryland Governor wants more funding for roads.** In the wake of the Minneapolis bridge collapse earlier this month, the Maryland Governor intends to boost the transportation budget in order to upgrade the state’s infrastructure. Similar to other state legislators, the governor is also exploring alternatives to augment the transportation funds such as increasing the state’s gas, sales and income taxes, according to

*The Washington Post*. Two pending bills suggest an increase on diesel and gas taxes by 10 cents and 12 cents, said The Post. Analysts approximated the state needs \$600 million to “keep pace with the state’s needs during the next 20 years.” The state spends now roughly \$2 billion each year on transportation, with a forecasted \$1.5 billion budget deficit for next year. Source: [http://www.landlinemag.com/todays\\_news/Daily/2007/Aug07/082707/082907-04.htm](http://www.landlinemag.com/todays_news/Daily/2007/Aug07/082707/082907-04.htm)

17. *August 30, Statesman Journal* – **Airport handles three emergencies.** On Wednesday the airport in Salem, Oregon was the scene of three emergency landings. The first request for an emergency landing came from a single-occupant plane originating from Redding, California. Half an hour later, another plane, a Pitts aerobatic aircraft with two people on board, reported having problems and landed in Salem. The third incident came an hour later. All three planes landed safely, according to the airport operations manager.  
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070830/NEWS/708300327>
18. *August 29, Memphis Business Journal* – **Tunica Airport receives \$6.1M from federal government.** Mississippi senator, Trent Lott, announced that more than \$6.1 million in federal funds will be awarded for constructions at Tunica Municipal Airport in Mississippi. The award, which will be used to extend the runway and taxiway at the airport, will be administered through the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration, Lott said. Because it serves a large population from the greater Memphis area, Tunica Airport plays a strategic role and needs to be equipped appropriately. The runway extension will measure 1,500 feet, and the taxiway extension will be 35 feet.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/memphis/stories/2007/08/27/daily24.html>
19. *August 29, Aero-News* – **The United States and Canada place operating restrictions on older CRJs.** Intending to secure the plane landings, the Federal Aviation Administrations and Canada’s Transportation Safety Board decided to restrict operations on older Bombardier CRJ-100, -200, and -440 aircraft- none of these models are manufactured anymore. Numerous reports cited problems with the plane’s landing because of stuck flaps. Although no fatalities were reported, officials ordered airlines to make the necessary maintenance repairs including “acceptable runway conditions and lengths for no-flap landings, carrying extra fuel in order to reach an alternate airport, and altitude restrictions,” said a Wall Street Journal report. The new restrictions cover roughly 684 aircraft operating in the U.S., and other 300 traveling worldwide. The Journal mentioned two unrelated incidents when two Atlantic Southeast Airlines CRJ-200s encountered problems landing due to flap deployment. According to the same source, Bombardier supplied voluntary safety bulletin to all the affected carriers’ operators.  
Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=c5ade370-4660-4536-abbb-6c5a596832d8#d>
20. *August 29, NBC San Diego* – **Union: Mexican Trucks Begin Crossing Border Saturday.** Following a public announcement of a new controversial law permitting Mexican trucks access to U.S. roads, the Teamsters Union said Wednesday that it intends to file a federal appeal to block the plan. The action was initiated after a source from the Transportation Department's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration confirmed that the Mexican motorists will be



cruising on the U.S. highways starting Saturday. Last week, the Bush administration stated that the approval will come only after authorities have assessed the Mexican trucks' safety standards. Teamsters' president claims the union did not receive nor has been made aware of the approval of the cross-border program. On one side, those supporting the new program emphasize the economic gain resulted from the plan. On the other side, truck drivers unions claim that giving access to Mexican trucks on US roads on Labor day weekend will endanger the American drivers as this weekend presents one of the busiest times of the year for road traveling. The one year 'demonstration project' will allow 100 Mexican motorists to drive their trucks on U.S. highways.

Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/politics/14003768/detail.html?rss=dgo&psp=news>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to Report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

21. *August 30, Mercury News* – **Grower recalls 34 tons of spinach.** More than 68,000 pounds of bagged fresh spinach are being recalled by a Metz Fresh, LLC of Monterey County after routine testing found salmonella in a sample taken from a Watsonville packing plant. The recall involves a batch of spinach that was distributed late last week. According to company officials, customers have been contacted and asked not to sell or serve the spinach. A company spokesman stated that 90 percent of the questionable spinach was accounted for as of last Friday night. There have been no confirmed illness stemming from the contaminated spinach as of yet.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/politics/ci\\_6757516](http://www.mercurynews.com/politics/ci_6757516)

22. *August 30, Courier Journal* – **Governor seeks disaster help for farmers.** Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher requested federal disaster assistance yesterday for Kentucky farmers in all 120 counties, citing drought conditions from the third driest May-August period for Kentucky in 113 years. Fletcher's letter to the U.S. Agriculture Secretary said that widespread crop and pasture losses are expected throughout the state, with southern Kentucky farmers already harvesting corn at yields of 40 percent below average. The most recent USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service crop report for Kentucky said that one-fourth of the corn and 37 percent of the soybeans were poor or very poor.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070830/NEWS01/708300438/1008>

23. *August 29, KPAX TV* – **Anthrax kills northeastern Montana cattle.** State livestock officials say more cases of Anthrax deaths in cattle may follow after eight cows in northeastern Montana died from anthrax last week. The deaths occurred in a single heard located between Plentywood and the Canadian border. Testing indicated that the deaths were caused by naturally occurring, not synthetic, Anthrax

Source: [http://www.montanastation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7000211&nav=menu227\\_7](http://www.montanastation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7000211&nav=menu227_7)

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## **Water Sector**

24. *August 30, Billings Gazette* – **EPA proposal: Dig up pollution to rid groundwater contamination.** Tests over the past year or so have shown that PCE, also known as perchloroethylene or tetrachloroethylene, a chemical used in dry cleaning and some industrial processes, has seeped up from the groundwater to homes in the area. The best way to choke off underground contamination in the neighborhood near downtown Billings is probably to dig out the polluted soil that has long served as its source, a federal official said Wednesday. An estimated 1,500 cubic yards of polluted soil near Seventh Street West and Central Avenue will be excavated, possibly by next spring. That step should eliminate much of the pollution that has formed a groundwater plume more than seven blocks long and several blocks wide.

Source: <http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2007/08/30/news/local/21-pollution.txt>

25. *August 29, Seattlepi.com* – **Sewage spilled into Portage Bay is traced to UW.**

After a four month investigation, the University of Washington has been named as the source of paint chemicals and human waste leaking into the Portage Bay. While no one knows how many gallons of waste were released, the state Department of Ecology estimates that, on average, a worker creates about 30 gallons of wastewater in an eight-hour shift. For the UW shop and its 25 employees, that equates to roughly 750 gallons of contaminated water a day over an unknown period of time.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/329475\\_sewer30.html?source=myspi](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/329475_sewer30.html?source=myspi)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *August 30, Weston Forum* – **Health officials step up fight against West Nile Virus.**

Connecticut state health officials are putting preventative measures in place after the discovery of human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) infections in Danbury, Woodbridge, and Hartford. Tests have also found mosquitoes carrying the virus in Stamford, Greenwich, Danbury, Newton and Westport. The measures include offering municipalities supplies of mosquito larvacide and providing technical assistance to local officials. In 2006, eight Connecticut residents were diagnosed with WNV infection and one person was infected while traveling out of the state. One person died.

Source: <http://www.acorn-online.com/news/publish/weston/22025.shtml>

27. *August 30, CNNMoney* – **Toys "R" Us recalls crayon boxes for lead paint.** Toys "R" Us and the Consumer Product Safety Commission on Thursday recalled 27,000 crayon and paint box sets because the printed ink on the outer packaging of the wood cases contains lead. The recall involves the "Imaginarium" brand 213 Piece Wooden Coloring Case which includes crayons, pastels, colored pencils, fiber pens, paintbrush, pencil, water colors, palette, white paint, ruler and pencil sharpener in a light tan wooden carrying case that measures about 14 inches by 19 inches.



Source: [http://money.cnn.com/2007/08/30/news/companies/crayon\\_recall/index.htm?cnn=yes](http://money.cnn.com/2007/08/30/news/companies/crayon_recall/index.htm?cnn=yes)

28. *August 30, Reuters* – **Spain warns of virus threatening dolphins.** Spain has asked authorities around the Mediterranean and adjoining seas for help in monitoring an infection which threatens a protected species of dolphin, warning it may become an epidemic. The virus identified is practically the same one which provoked a massive epidemic in the 1990s and could affect other species of the whale family. Morbillivirus, a potentially fatal infection which causes measles in its human form, was found in dead striped dolphins -- a protected species -- washed up on beaches in Spain.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/sc\\_nm/spain\\_dolphins\\_dc](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070830/sc_nm/spain_dolphins_dc)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

29. *August 29, kcentv.com* – **Smoke forces evacuation of elementary school.** More than 700 students were evacuated from an elementary school Wednesday in Killeen, Texas after reports of smoke. A teacher noticed smoke coming from the girls and boys restrooms in the kindergarten wing. Students waited outside for nearly an hour while firefighters responded to the smoke, which they say came from a malfunctioning hand dryer in a restroom.

Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/news/c-article.php?cid=1&nid=13882>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

30. *August 30, Leader Times* – **Armstrong County to use 'Smart Cards' to identify responders.** Armstrong County in southern Pennsylvania is set to begin issuing smart cards to about 1,000 emergency personnel and volunteers throughout the county in compliance with Presidential Directive 12 for the Department of Homeland Security's Counter Terrorism Task Force. The cards will be valid anywhere in region 13- the area that covers Southwestern Pennsylvania, including the city of Pittsburgh- and will identify people authorized to respond to "virtually any type of emergency. The card will identify the bearer as part of what is officially known as the Southwest Pennsylvania Region Counter Terrorism Task Force. An Armstrong County official said that while the focus of Region 13 is terrorism awareness, responders may be called on in any type of emergency such as flooding, extensive high wind damage, blizzards, or ice jams on the river that could cause flooding.

Source: [http://pittsburghlive.com/x/leadertimes/s\\_524915.html](http://pittsburghlive.com/x/leadertimes/s_524915.html)

31. *August 30, Examiner* – **Upper Freehold ready in the event of emergency.** On August 11, 2007, the township of Upper Freehold Pennsylvania conducted a communication drill during a simulated natural disaster from its Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The drill involved Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), which has formal, national agreements to provide emergency communication aid for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other response organizations. It was determined during the following evaluation of the drill that the township needs to make modifications to two radios and that it must also

increase the height of the ham radio antenna. Additionally, there is a need for the township's Department of Public Works and Office of Emergency Management to purchase backup repeaters for their frequencies on the ham radio. The exercise was considered a success and, accordingly, the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, NJ has certified Upper Freehold as a "StormReady" community. The exercise proved that the emergency management office has the capability to coordinate emergency activities in the township and to mitigate the effects of an emergency, according to township's press release.

Source: [http://pittsburghlive.com/x/leadertimes/s\\_524915.html](http://pittsburghlive.com/x/leadertimes/s_524915.html)

32. *August 30, Arizona Daily Star* – **Marana, Nogales schools win emergency-preparedness grants.** The US Department of Education announced on Wednesday that two Southern Arizona school districts (the Santa Cruz Regional School District in Nogales and the Marana Unified School District) received more than \$450,000 from the U.S. to improve their emergency-response plans. The districts are among 91 school districts in 32 states to receive a portion of the more than \$27 million awarded. Five other districts in Arizona received grants. Districts can spend the money training school personnel and students in emergency management, informing parents and guardians of emergency plans and reunification procedures, and coordinating with local emergency responders and health and mental-health agencies.

Source: <http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/metro/198822.php>

33. *August 29, Daily American* – **Water authority discusses emergency plan.** In the wake of a large scale August 21 fire, municipal authorities of Conemaugh Township met to discuss ways of dealing with and coordinating emergency responses. Recommendations included specially marking fire hydrants that can be used in conjunction with one another and soliciting bids for material costs to build a 2,550 water line that would eliminate the need for a pumping station and a 10,000 gallon underground water tank.

Source: <http://www.dailyamerican.com/articles/2007/08/30/news/news708.txt>

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## **Information Technology**

34. *August 30, Computerworld* – **Researchers spot rootkits on more Sony USB drives.** A second line of USB drives sold by Sony Electronics Inc. that uses rootkit tactics to hide files has been identified, and the devices' software remains on the Web, a researcher said today. Hackers using just one of the package's files can mask their attack code from some security scanners, said the chief research officer at F-Secure Corp. "This new rootkit [which can still be downloaded] can be used by any malware author to hide any folder," he said. On Monday, F-Secure announced that the fingerprint-reader software included with Sony's MicroVault USM-F flash drives stores files in a hidden directory that could be used by hackers to cloak their malicious code. F-Secure noted that the USM-F models were difficult, but not impossible to find. Sony has since confirmed that the line has been discontinued. But its replacement, the USM512FL, is widely available and shares the rootkit-like techniques of its predecessor. Sony has removed the download links for the USM-F and USM512FL software from its MicroVault support site, but researchers said today that they were still able to locate a live link with the information.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9033798&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc\\_top](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9033798&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top)

35. *August 29, Computerworld* – **Retail point-of-sale systems riddled with security flaws, warns researcher.** Retail point-of-sale (POS) systems pose a clear but often overlooked danger to consumer credit card data, a security researcher warned this week. A white paper released by Hacker Factor Solutions described several relatively easily exploited vulnerabilities in POS technologies. "The vulnerabilities disclosed in this document denote a set of fundamental flaws in the point-of-sale process," the author said, adding that "even if a solution were available today, it would take years to be fully deployed." POS terminals that read credit card information, perform card transactions, and receive the confirmation code make attractive targets for hackers, the report notes, calling attention to the need for security standards at the payment level for POS devices and software.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9033620&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc\\_top](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9033620&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top)

36. *August 29 Computerworld* – **Microsoft blames WGA meltdown on human error.** Microsoft Corp. said late Tuesday that last weekend's failure of the antipiracy process it requires of Windows XP and Vista was due to "human error" and shouldn't be called an "outage" since the servers didn't go off-line. The company also promised that changes have been made to avoid a repeat.

Source:

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37. *August 29, Infoworld* – **Monster outlines anti-fraud measures.** One week after hackers stole personal information from millions of people who had posted their resumes to Monster.com, the company has warned its users to be vigilant about online fraud because the breach was not an isolated incident. In an e-mail message sent to users, Monster shared antifraud advice and pledged to improve its security practices through enhanced surveillance of site traffic and tighter access to the Web site. Monster disclosed on August 23 that it had discovered a data breach caused by hackers who posed as employers, then illegally downloaded the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of 1.3 million job-seekers. The hackers then sent e-mail to the users in an attempt to collect their passwords to financial sites or to install viruses on their PCs.

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/08/29/Monster-outlines-anti-fraud-measures\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/08/29/Monster-outlines-anti-fraud-measures_1.html)

38. *August 28, Federal Times* – **Hackers steal info on USAJOBS.gov subscribers.** Hackers have stolen the names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of about 146,000 subscribers to USAJOBS.gov, the Office of Personnel Management said Wednesday. The hackers accessed the information from the resume database run by Monster.com, which provides the technology for USAJOBS.gov, OPM said. Monster Worldwide told OPM that no Social Security numbers were compromised. OPM said that because of the breach, job seekers could find themselves

targeted by so-called “phishing” e-mails, possibly disguised as Monster.com or USAJOBS.gov messages. Phishing e-mails try to trick people into revealing sensitive information such as passwords or downloading malicious software. Monster has identified and shut down the server that was accessing and collecting the information, OPM said.

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## **Communications Sector**

39. *August 29, CNet* – **Security group voices concerns over VoIP.** A member of the Jericho Forum security group has criticized the security of voice over IP technology after researchers revealed that it was possible to eavesdrop on VoIP conversations. An eavesdropping vulnerability was revealed on the Full Disclosure mailing list on Wednesday. Vulnerability researchers claimed the exploit could allow a remote attacker to turn a VoIP phone into an eavesdropping device. A Jericho Forum board member said that VoIP is not yet ready for use in businesses. "We don't consider VoIP to be enterprise-ready," he said. "You can't run VoIP on a corporate network because you can't trust every single device on that network. VoIP as it stands certainly isn't secure. Going forward, everybody should be using inherently secure protocols."

Source: [http://news.com.com/Security+group+voices+concerns+over+VoIP/2100-7355\\_3-6205178.html?tag=cd.top](http://news.com.com/Security+group+voices+concerns+over+VoIP/2100-7355_3-6205178.html?tag=cd.top)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

40. *August 30, Cumberland Times News* – **Mall evacuated.** The Country Club Mall in Laval, MD was evacuated before 7 p.m. Wednesday evening after a man walked into Wal-Mart (contained in the mall) and threatened to blow up the store. Police are still searching for the suspect.

Source: [http://www.times-news.com/local/local\\_story\\_242092210.html](http://www.times-news.com/local/local_story_242092210.html)

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

41. *August 30, El Paso Times* – **Memorial wall gets \$20,471 donation.** The El Paso Adult Probation Department on Wednesday gave a check for \$20,471 to the Crime Victims Council of El Paso toward the construction of a Crime Victims Memorial wall in Yucca Park. The

Crime Victims Memorial, which will be built next to the recently renamed Judge Edward J. Marquez Memorial Library, will recognize the 945 victims who died violent deaths in the past 10 years.

Source: [http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci\\_6754857](http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci_6754857)

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## **Dams Sector**

42. *August 30, Vernon Broadcaster* – **Flood control dams handle twice their designed capacity.** Vernon County, Wisconsin's 22 flood-control dams were battered and bruised, but still standing after handling nearly twice the rainfall for which they were designed, according to county officials. No dams in Vernon County have failed, but two dams have suffered damage to one of their components, their auxiliary spillways. There is about \$6-\$7 million in damage to the county's dams, but that they protected about \$35 million in private and public property.

Source: <http://www.vernonbroadcaster.com/articles/2007/08/30/news/04story.txt>

43. *August 30, WorldNow* – **Small bomb detonates near Flathead Dam.** Officials with the Federal Bureau of Investigation are looking into the detonation of a small bomb which happened near a dam just north of the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana. "People might think there's not a security risk here, but the fact is there's so much water moving through these dams, that God forbid that someone would park a truck with explosives on one of these dams it would cause a quick sudden flooding near some of our small town communities, which really could impact the elementary schools, the daycare, and Salish and Kootenai College", one spokesman said.

Source:

[http://www.montanasnewsstation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7004262&nav=menu227\\_8](http://www.montanasnewsstation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7004262&nav=menu227_8)

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